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Dear Members and well wishers,

TCASD proudly celebrates its 5th annual "Believe in You" talent show. Our members and well-wishers will have noticed that, throughout our short history, we have excelled at doing right things for our community. As a member and the President of TCASD, I am privileged to be part of TCASD movement. Firstly, I would like to thank the Executive Team and the members for all their support.

Tonight, we have a unique celebration, where we are celebrating both the talent show of the youth & kids and International peace day. This "Believe in You" is composed of all Tamil art, music, dance, and many other talents; which shall bring you great joy and peace. As a participant, the Youth & Kids have learned leadership in public speaking, stage performance, and self-confidence, to name the few.

On a final note I would like to acknowledge the hard work of all the Youth, Kids and Coordinators who have spent time working on their performances to make an outstanding program for you to watch tonight. Once again, thank you very much to all our sponsors and well-wishers who made this event possible.

As the greatest peace leader, Mahatma Gandhi once said, "We must become the change we wish to see in the world". I believe, with all your support we will conquer our dreams to bring the peace.

Thank you, September 21, 2013

Tom Thiru

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September 21 st, 2013

Tamil Cultural and Academic Society of Durham

Congratulations on your participation & co-ordination of the Annual Youth and Children Talent show

"Believe in You 2013"

Celebrating Canada's Cultural Days
On behalf of the Government of Canada, the citizens of Ajax-Pickering and myself, it gives me great pleasure in recognising your efforts.

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Hon.Chris Alexander M.P.
Ajax-Pickering

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

September 21, 2013

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Pickering and its Members of Council, I am pleased to send greetings to the organizers, performers and guests of the Tamil Cultural & Academic Society of Durham's 5th annual Youth and Talent Show.

This year's show, *Believe in You 2013*, will showcase the vibrant and spectacular Tamil culture through an extravaganza of dance, music and drama performances. I am confident that all in attendance will have an enjoyable evening.

The Tamil Cultural & Academic Society of Durham was founded in 2008 and since then has played an important role in Pickering by helping to foster the spirit of multiculturalism in our city. Additionally, I am very proud of the outstanding work this organization is doing in terms of providing healthy and positive activities for our youth.

As one of the country's most diverse municipalities, the City of Pickering is the living embodiment of Canada's renowned cultural tapestry. I commend the Tamil Cultural & Academic Society of Durham and its dedicated youth members for helping to make Pickering a more dynamic and engaging community.

Once again, on behalf of my colleagues on Council, best wishes for a successful and memorable event.

Yours truly

Dave Ryan
Mayor, City of Pickering

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JOE DICKSON, MPP

Ajax - Pickering

September 21, 2013

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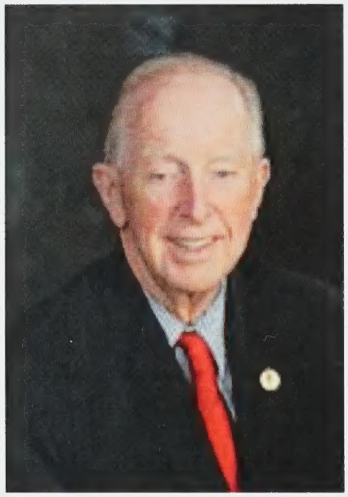

As your Member of Provincial Parliament for Ajax-Pickering, I would like to extend warm wishes and greetings to all on this occasion. I am so pleased to be a special guest at the Tamil Cultural and Academic Society of Durham's 5th annual "Believe in You" Youth Talent Show.

This show is a celebration of all that TCASD does for the youth in our community. The strong focus on leadership and inclusion is exemplified by this stunning display of local talent.

It is also worth noting that today's event is being held on the same date as the United Nations' International Day of Peace. I am humbled to be a part of a great event on a day that represents peace and harmony in all areas of the world.

Please accept my most sincere congratulations and thanks to all involved in organizing this outstanding event.

Best regards,

Joe Dickson

L.J. (Joe) Dickson, MPP Ajax-Pickering

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Greetings from Mayor Perkins, Town of Whitby:

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to the participants of the *Believe in You – Youth and Children Talent Show 2013.*

I commend the Tamil Cultural and Academic Society of Durham for providing young people from across the Regional Municipality of Durham with the opportunity to express their creativity and engage in activities to expand their skills while learning more about the Tamil culture and traditions.

To the performers and organizers of the talent show, I offer you my best wishes for an exciting evening of fun and learning.

Sincerely,

Pat Perkins
MAYOR

TRACY MACCHARLES, MPP

Pickering-Scarborough East

September 21, 2013

Dear Friends,

As the Member of Provincial Parliament for Pickering-Scarborough East, I am delighted to extend greetings to the organizers, participants and guests at the annual "Believe in You" talent show.

We know the strength of our Province is deeply tied to our youth and children. Young people are the future of this province. I would like to extend my gratitude to the Tamil Cultural & Academic Society of Durham for recognizing and showcasing the talent of our youth and for their continuous work to build a strong and culturally vibrant community.

Yours truly,

Tracy MacCharles, MPP
Pickering-Scarborough East

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Message from the Chief Guest

I would like to welcome all of you to "Believe in You 2013" hosted by the Tamil Cultural & Academic Society of Durham, who have graciously invited me to address the Tamil youth in our community on this wonderful evening celebrating talent and achievement. I cannot express enough how proud I am to be a part of an amazing initiative that honours today's talent in hopes of breeding leaders of tomorrow. "Hope" is central to this evening's meeting because it is not just about our youth. The support, teaching, and love that the community shows in fostering our children's gifts are essential to their dreams. Tonight is not just a celebration of how far our youth have come, but an ode to where they are going. Likewise, their achievements are not simply a product of their gifts alone, but the commitment we all make to helping them fulfill their destiny.

Thank you for your support and I am humbled by your commitment to the future as much as you are celebrating tonight,

Best wishes,

Dr. Jonathan Rajeevan Bertram

Program

Introduction of MC
Thamil Thai Valthu
Canadian National Anthem
Moment of Silence
Lighting of the Auspicious Lamp

Welcome Orchestra
President's Speech
Recognition of Dignitaries
Chief Guest Speech
Welcome Dance
Guest Speaker
Tamil Masala
Speeches from Guest Speakers
Disney and Western Theme Dance
Killadi Boys (Hip Hop Dance)
Semi Classical Peacock Dance

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Killadi Girls (Hip Hop Dance)
Comedy

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Alston Mahendran - Brock University
Aparana Tharmakulasingam - University of Waterloo
Tanesha Thirukumar -Irish Medical School
Harry Sivasubramaniam - University of Waterloo
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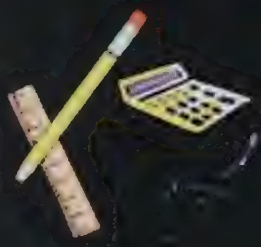

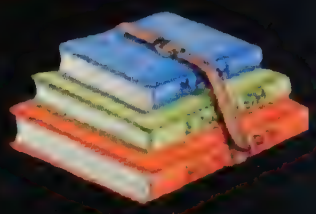

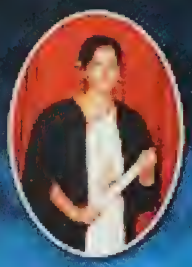

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1. *Dr.Gnaneswaran Aiyathurai founding president of DTA started in year 2000.*
2. *Chandrakumaran Muttukumaru*
3. *Dinesh Kumar*
4. *Ramesh Rajasingham*
5. *Raj Raveendrakumar*
6. *Kalyani Nathan*
7. *Sinnadurai Mahendranathan*
8. *Joshua Suresh*

Founding directors of Durham Tamil Association (DTA):

1. *Rajagobal ,*
2. *Vasantha Vaithilingam,*
3. *Tom Thiru,*
4. *Gangatharan,*
5. *Susiladevi Pathmanathan,*
6. *Dineshkumar,*
7. *Kala Gajan,*
8. *Kanaselingam,*
9. *Vana Dineshkumar*
10. *Sunthari Mahendran*

- **Raveena Rajasingham founding President of Tamil Cultural and Academic Society of Durham (TCASD) started in year 2008.**

- **Tom Thiru - TCASD present president**

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1. Raveena Rajasingam
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4. Sunthari Mahendran,
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6. Susiladevi Pathmanathan,

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Deluksha Thevakumar
Nisha Sriraj
Manusa Muralitharan
Amsa Jeevakumar
Mienuja Raveendrakumar
Karina Harikaran
Sivani Sivashankar
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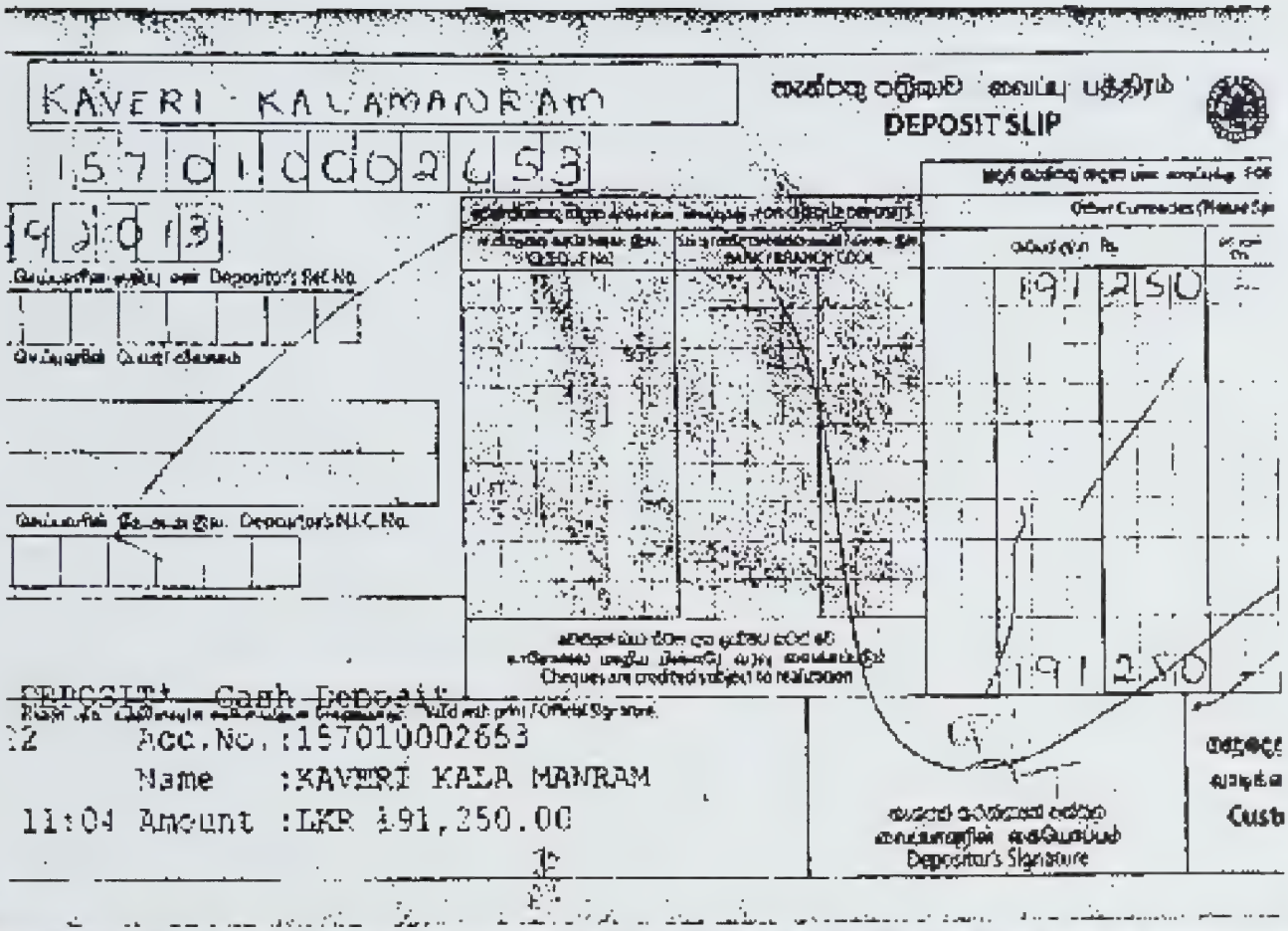
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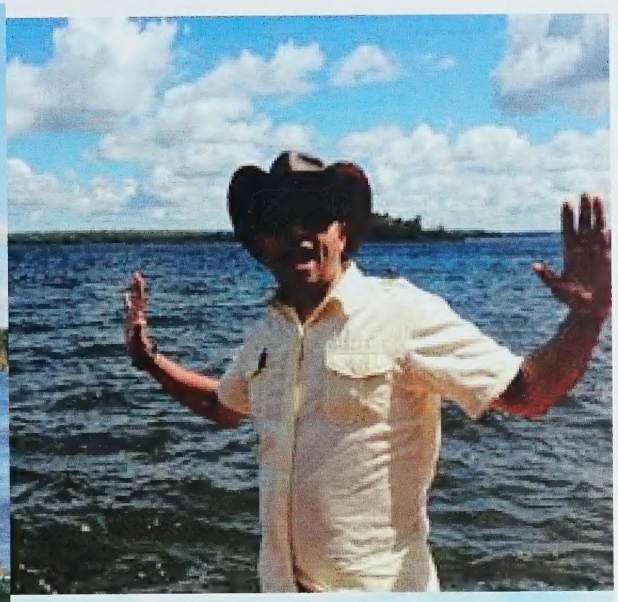
Apart from TCASD's commitment to Durham region, it has extended hands to help their homeland. "The Lights of Hope" Charity Gala 2013 raised funds to help children in the war stricken area of Sri Lanka. $1,500. 00 was donated to "Vanni Hope Project". The fund is to help children and widows. Among the many good things, I thought, I should add my personal story of adopting a kid from Vanni Hope project. Last year, my family decided to sponsor a kid from Sri Lanka her name is Kayalvilli, at the time she was a needy kid to me. Today, I can understand the importance of giving opportunity and how we see the wonder of change in someones life.

Together we can make many children smile again.
By: Thanya Maniam

TCASD has also been contributing towards the Cancer society research at the Oshawa Hospital. TCASD has donated $_____ over the past 4 years.



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